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Georgia DOT Gears Up for Summer Construction Season

ATLANTA – The warm dry days of summer are a signal to many that it is time to hit the roadways for vacation destinations north, south, east and west. But instead of taking a break, Georgia Department of Transportation road crews are gearing up for the busiest time of the year – construction season. There are a number of road construction and maintenance projects scheduled in the next few months and Georgia DOT wants to make sure commuters and vacationers can get to their Southeastern destinations with the least amount of delays and aggravation.

“The best way to avoid delays is to stay informed and plan ahead,” said Georgia DOT Commissioner Gerald Ross. “This is the second year of our 511 system and it is an excellent tool for motorists travelling thru and to Georgia. All welcome centers have state maps and immediate access to information on construction closures and major accidents to assist travelers in reaching their destinations safely and with as little delay as possible.”

Included with this release is a list of major Georgia DOT interstate projects slated for the summer months. Many will require lane closures and likely result in traffic delays on interstate and state highways across Georgia. The Department will attempt to minimize the impact on motorists by restricting most lane closures to nights and weekends.

Additionally, interstate work will be suspended during the July 4th and Labor Day holiday weekends.

Motorists are urged to obey posted, reduced construction zone speed limits; avoid unnecessary lane changes; allow extra distance between themselves and the vehicle ahead; and to exercise extreme caution while driving through these work zones.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

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its environment. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

2008 Summer Construction Projects

Transportation District 1 (Northeast Georgia)

Media Contact: Teri Pope at (770) 718-3924

I-985/SR 53 Interchange – Exit 16/17

County: Hall

Location: I-985 at SR 53/Mundy Mill Rd and at SR 13/Atlanta Highway

Brief Description: 2 miles of construction consisting of reconstructing the interchange at SR 53/Mundy Mill and creating new access from the interstate to SR 13/Atlanta Hwy

Contract Amount: \$74 million

Start date: Winter 2006

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2010

Transportation District 2 (East Central Georgia)

Media Contact: Cissy Mc Nure at (478) 552-4656

I-20/I-520 Interchange Reconstruction

County: Richmond

Location: I-20/SR 402 from Belair Road to east of Wheeler Road and on I-520/SR 415 from west of Scott Nixon Memorial Parkway to east of Wheeler Road

Brief Description: 4.26 miles of interchange reconstruction.

Contract Amount: \$191, 935,137

Start date: Summer 2007

Anticipated Completion: Fall/Winter 2009

I-20 Interchange Reconstruction at SR 142 and Alcovy Rd

County: Newton

Location: I-20/SR 402 from west of Alcovy Road to SR 142

Brief Description: 2.6 miles of construction for a bridge and approaches and interchange reconstruction. Project also includes widening for additional lanes, roadway reconstruction and intersection improvements on Alcovy Road.

Contract Amount: \$55,710,002

Start date: Winter 2007

Anticipated Completion: Summer 2009

Transportation District 3 (West Central Georgia)

Media Contact: Kimberly Larson at (706) 646-6938

I-75 Cable Barrier Installation

Counties: Bibb and Monroe

Location: I-75 in Bibb and Monroe Counties

Brief Description: 13.39 miles of cable barrier installation in Bibb and Monroe Counties

Anticipated Contract Amount: \$2,593,000

Start date: Summer 2008

Anticipated Completion: Summer 2009

I-75 and Sardis Church Rd - New Interchange & Widening

Counties: Bibb

Location: I-75 at Sardis Church Road in south Bibb County (MP 152)

Brief Description: Construction of new interchange and widening of existing I-75

Amount: \$32,383,000

Anticipated Start date: Summer 2009

Anticipated Completion: Summer 2011

I-75 between SR 247/US 41 and Arkwright Road

Counties: Bibb

Location: I-75 between SR 247/US 41 and Arkwright Road (MP 167 to MP 169)

Brief Description: 2.48 miles of Widening on I-75, relocation of existing SB exit to SR 247/US 41

Contract Amount: \$77,915,000

Start date: Fall 2009

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2011

I-75/I-475 Interchange Reconstruction including 4 bridges

County: Bibb

Location: At I-75/SR 401 and I-475

Brief Description: 3.7 miles of interchange reconstruction consisting of grading, drainage, base, plant mix paving and ramp reconstruction, including construction of four bridges.

Contract Amount: \$83,451,036

Start date: Fall 2006

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2009

I-85 between Forrest Road and SR 34 (Bullsboro Drive)

Counties: Meriwether and Coweta

Location: I-85 beginning at MP 33 (Forrest Road) and continuing to SR 34 (Bullsboro Drive)

Brief Description: 14.33 miles of widening for additional lanes on I-85/SR403 and includes reconstruction of 17 bridges; CCTV and Video Detection Systems are included.

Contract Amount: \$218,024,661.15

Start date: Winter 2007

Anticipated Completion: Winter 2009

I-85 near SR 34 (Bullsboro Drive) to the Fulton County

Line

Counties: Coweta

Location: I-85 beginning near MP 47 (SR 34) in Coweta County and continues to the Fulton County Line

Brief Description: 9.705 mile widening for additional lanes, paving and shoulder reconstruction on I-85/SR403 beginning at SR 34 (Bullsboro Drive) and extending to the Fulton County line

Contract Amount: \$107,495,040

Start date: Fall 2006

Anticipated Completion: Summer 2009

I-85 between Fulton County Line to SR 74 (Exit 61)

Counties: Coweta and Fulton

Location: I-85 from Collingsworth Road (Exit 56) to SR 74/Senoia Road (Exit 61 in Fulton County)

Brief Description: 4.045 miles of widening for additional lanes, paving and shoulder reconstruction

Contract Amount: \$51,357,565

Start date: Winter 2007

Anticipated Completion: Summer 2009

I-185 Widening

Counties: Muscogee

Location: I-185 from St Mary's road to Victory Drive 520

Brief Description: 4.63 Kilometers of widening for additional lanes

Contract Amount: \$51,624,346.45

Start date: Summer 2008

Anticipated Completion: Summer 2010

I-185 interchange at Victory Drive 520

Counties: Muscogee

Location: I-185 interchange at Victory drive

Brief Description: 1.306 miles of interchange reconstruction on I-185/SR 411 and Victory Drive SR520

Contract Amount: \$17,606,527.25

Start date: Summer 2008

Anticipated Completion: Summer 2009

Transportation District 4 (Southwest Georgia)

Media Contact: Craig Solomon at (229) 391-6852

I-75 Reconstruction – Five Projects

Counties: Cook, Tift, Turner, Crisp

Location: Five I-75 mainline widening and reconstruction projects extending from Cook County to Crisp County

Brief Description: 32 miles of reconstruction on the I-75 mainline; work will include the widening and reconstruction of several mainline bridges along this corridor

Contract Amount: Combined amount of all I-75 reconstruction work in Lowndes, Cook, Tift, Turner and Crisp counties is expected to exceed \$640 million

Start date: Work has already begun on all five projects

Anticipated Completion: Each has individual completion dates, but all five projects are expected to be completed by late Fall 2010

Transportation District 5 (Southeast Georgia)

Media Contact: Erica Fatima (404-631-1836)

I-95 Widening – Five Projects

Counties: Glynn, McIntosh

Location: Five I-95 widening and reconstruction projects from approximately milepost 32 to milepost 59.

Brief Description: Widening I-95 from a four-lane to a six-lane roadway; work will included the widening and reconstruction of several bridges along this corridor.

Contract Amount: Combined amount of all I-95 widening work in the Brunswick area is expected to exceed \$560 million.

Start date: All projects begin by Fall 2008.

Anticipated Completion: Each has individual completion dates, but all five projects are expected to be complete by Winter 2010

I-16/I-516 interchange bridge rehabilitation

Counties: Chatham

Location: I-16 at MP 162 and I-516 at MP 5

Brief Description: Bridge rehabilitation on I-16 over I-516 and Stiles Avenue – multiple lane shifts/traffic interruptions on I-16 as well as the ramps between I-16 and I-516.

Contract Amount: \$2,212,183.24

Start date: Spring 2009

Anticipated Completion: Spring 2010

Transportation District 6 (Northwest Georgia)

Media Contact: Mohamed Arafa at (770) 387-4081

Relocation of SR 113 and Widening of Old Alabama Road Phase I

County: Bartow

Location: SR 113 from east SR 293 to west of I-75

Brief Description: 1.198 miles of widening and reconstruction on Old Alabama Road, including two new bridges over US 41

Contract Amount: \$17,531,254

Start date: Fall 2007

Anticipated Completion: Winter 2009

Relocation of SR 113 and Widening of Old Alabama Road Phase II

County: Bartow

Location: Old Alabama Road from Old Alabama Road to SR 293

Brief Description: 2.216 miles of widening and reconstruction on Old Alabama Road, including two new bridges over CXS Railroad

Contract Amount: \$24,315,620

Start date: Fall 2008

Anticipated Completion: Winter 2010

Widening SR 92

County: Cherokee

Location: SR 92 from Northpoint Parkway to Woodland Drive

Brief Description: 4.36 miles of widening and roadway reconstruction on SR 92, including relocation of Hunt Road, realignment of Little Ridge Road and two bridges over Clark Creek

Contract Amount: \$33,137,609

Start date: Spring 2007

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2009

Reconstruction of the I-75/SR 146 Interchange

County: Catoosa

Location: I-75 at SR 146/Cloud Springs Road

Brief Description: Widening for additional lanes and interchange reconstruction on I-75 at Cloud Springs Road

Contract Amount: \$28,276,129
Start date: Fall 2007
Anticipated Completion: Winter 2009

Widening of SR 146/Cloud Springs Road

County: Catoosa
Location: SR 146/Cloud Springs Road from Redbud Avenue to I-75, including the construction of a bridge over West Chickamauga Creek
Brief Description: 2.36 miles of widening for additional lanes on SR 146/Cloud Springs Road
Contract Amount: \$22,845,105
Start date: Fall 2007
Anticipated Completion: Winter 2009

Transportation District 7 (Metro Atlanta)

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14th Street Bridge Project

County: Fulton
Location: I-75/SR401/I-85/SR 403 at 14th Street and reconstruction of 14th Street from Spring Street and to east of West Peachtree Street (US 19/SR 9)
Brief Description: 2.1 miles of interchange reconstruction including construction of two bridges and approaches and the installation of video detection systems.
Contract Amount: \$88,570,048
Start date: Spring 2007
Anticipated Completion: Spring 2010

SR 10/Memorial Dr at I-285 Interchange Reconstruction

County: DeKalb
Location: Memorial Drive (SR 10) at I-285
Brief Description: One mile of construction on two bridges and approaches, widening of ramps and interchange reconstruction. The project also includes relocation of George Luther Drive and installation of a CCTV system.
Contract Amount: \$54,819,816
Start date: Summer 2006
Anticipated Completion: Winter 2009

US 29/SR 8/Lawrenceville Hwy at I-285 Interchange Reconstruction

County: DeKalb
Location: US 29/SR 8/Lawrenceville Highway at I-285
Brief Description: 1.2 miles of interchange reconstruction consisting of widening for additional lanes, grading, drainage, base, plant mix paving and ramp reconstruction. The project also includes construction of a bridge and approaches over I-285/ SR 407 and the relocation of Montreal Road.
Contract Amount: \$23,312,671
Start date: Summer 2006
Anticipated Completion: Winter 2009

SR 92 at I-20 Bridge Replacement

County: Douglas
Location: SR 92 at I-20

Brief Description: 0.9 miles of roadway reconstruction, intersection improvements and installation of intersection video detection systems on SR 92 at I-20. It also includes construction of a bridge and approaches over I-20, widening and reconstruction of bridge ramps and construction of a detour bridge

Contract Amount: \$ 26,781,073

Start date: Winter 2007

Anticipated Completion: Winter 2009

I-20 Resurfacing from SR 124 to SR 138

County: DeKalb and Rockdale

Location: I-20 between SR 124 and SR 128

Brief Description: 6.3 miles of roadway reconstruction and bridge deck rehabilitation on I-20/SR 402 beginning at SR 12/SR124 and extending to SR 20/SR138.

Contract Amount: \$12,263,394.55

Start date: Spring 2009

Anticipated Completion: Winter 2009